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I think the importance was best summed up in the principal address delivered by the Reverend Paul Pridgen, a boyhood friend of our colleague, who captured the spirit of Charleston as well as the nature of the contributions which he has made to our country.

I give you Reverend Pridgen's address:

DEDICATION SPEECH, RIVERS' MONUMENT,
OCTOBER 20, 1965

(By Paul Pridgen)

President Wayne, Congressman RIVERS, Mrs. Rivers, distinguished guests, fellow Kiwanians and friends, this is an historic occasion in the life of North Charleston. Congressman RIVERS, a grateful people are here assembled to express their gratitude to you.

North Charleston's growth and development is a thrilling story. During the colonial period, our community was the overland gateway to the flourishing city of Charleston, the center of trade and culture in the South. The lush forest of the area offered excellent hunting for food and sport. Hides found a ready market, therefore, hunting and trapping were important in the early development. The forest also made possible the development of the lumber and naval stores industry. This industry meant much to growth and heavy lumbering interests operated huge mills here even until the 1930's. Names such as Burtons, Tuxbury, and Cherry will not soon be forgotten.

As the forest gave way to the ax and saw, plantations sprang up. The agricultural emphasis of the plantation brought an important industry to life. Phosphate which was mined here brought the fertilizer industry into being and today the agrico-chemical industry remains a stable contributor to the economy of our community.

Two main factors contributed to the industrialization of North Charleston. First, easy accessibility. The area is accessible to the up-country by land and by water through the port of Charleston. The other major contributing factor was the availability of land. Land became limited in the city proper because of the natural boundaries formed by the Ashley and Cooper Rivers. Industry cast a longing look at North Charleston as an industrial promised land.

Today, North Charleston is the hub of industry for lower South Carolina in general and metropolitan Charleston in particular. Here are located the pulp and paper industry, metallurgical industry, the rubber asbestos industry, agricultural-chemical producers, oil storage and refinery, textile dye plant, garment manufacturers, industrial rubber glove manufacturing plant, aircraft sub-assembly plant, roofing manufacturing, sugar-packaging plant, railroad yards, wholesale grocery warehouses, industrial supply houses, sport boat construction, and many other industrial units.

The naval shipyard has been and is the largest industrial unit in North Charleston. This introduces us to another feature of our community for which we are justly proud. We find free enterprise blended harmoniously together in the same community with Government installations. The military installations—Navy, Army, Air Force—are not islands unto themselves. They are a vital part of the community. The service personnel are citizens and not just economic statistics. North Charleston is proud of her military citizens. This relationship is credited by many service men choosing to make North Charleston their permanent home after retirement from the service.

Thrilling as the story of this industrial development is, it would be unjust if North Charleston is pictured as just an industrial mecca.

North Charleston is now the home of about 86,000 people. Israel Zangwill said, "America is God's promised land."

ing pot where all the races of Europe are melting and reforming."

Zangwill's application of America as the melt pot of the world can be appropriately applied to this community as the melting pot of America since most of the people are from some other city or State.

We are proud that with the population growth the business community has made monumental progress. Housing developments entice homeowners. Modern shopping centers dot the area, providing efficient and convenient shopping and domestic services. The Cooper River Parks and Playground Commission, under the able leadership of Mr. Danny Jones, has established parks and operates a playground and recreation program for which any community could be proud. Our dedicated civic clubs constantly seek the betterment of the community. The Cooper River School District is the largest in the State of South Carolina. A new addition is the technical education center which is providing training for a more skilled work force. The impact upon the community by the new Baptist college is already being felt. Religious life in North Charleston is enhanced by many beautiful houses of worship. The ministerial association constantly contributes to the spiritual welfare of the community.

Congressman RIVERS, as a community we have come a long way since you lived here as a young man.

Just before you were elected to the State legislature in 1933, you made a promise to my father. At that time, you said you could not predict how far your political career would carry you. One thing, however, was for certain, you would not forget where you came from and then promised to do what you could to help the people you represented.

We, the people, are here today to say "thank you" for fulfilling that promise.

Therefore, we dedicate this monument to your honor in recognition of your faithful stewardship as our representative to the State Legislature of South Carolina and to the Congress of the United States.

This monument is also dedicated as a reminder of the continuing task that is ours in protecting and perpetuating this community and our Nation to which we owe such a great debt of gratitude.

In conclusion, this monument is dedicated with the hope that it will remain as the symbol of the expression of a grateful people who wish to say "thank you."

Rivers' Monument

EXTENSION OF REMARKS OF

HON. F. EDWARD HÉBERT

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 1965

Mr. HÉBERT. Mr. Speaker, it was my pleasure, along with many members of the House Armed Services Committee, to participate in the ceremonies dedicating a bronze bust of the distinguished gentleman from South Carolina, L. MENDEL RIVERS, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

It was a most impressive ceremony made all the more important by the attendance of Under Secretary of Defense Cyrus Vance, Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor, Secretary of the Navy Paul Nitze, and Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown, as well as Admiral Ra-
born, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.